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Reply Brief

The reply brief filed on 04/04/2008 has been entered and considered. The Application has been forwarded to the Board of Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL LASTRA whose telephone number is 571-272-6720. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

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